



BEWARE OF IRS IMPOSTORS It's Probably a **SCAM!**

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul warns consumers about scammers who pretend they are with the government to scare you into sending money.

DON'T BE A VICTIM

- Phony IRS scammers are targeting taxpayers around the country.
- Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and must pay **immediately** through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.
- Victims are threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of driver's or business licenses.
- If victims say no or question the scammers, the scammers may become hostile and insulting.

**If you get a call like this, JUST HANG UP!
TRICKS GOVERNMENT IMPOSTORS USE**

IRS scammers may...

- Use a fake name and IRS badge number.
- Know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Spoof a fake IRS toll-free number on caller ID.
- Send phony IRS letters by mail or email in an attempt to make you believe the fake call.
- Call back and pretend to be from the local police, FBI or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to convince you that the call is legitimate.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A SUSPICIOUS CALL

If you get a call...

- And you know you don't owe taxes, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 to report the scam.
- And you may owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for help.
- Report the call to the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Helpline at 1-877-382-4357 or visit www.ftc.gov/complaint to report the scam. Include the phrase "IRS Telephone Scam" in your comments.

Illinois Attorney General Consumer Fraud Hotlines

Chicago
1-800-386-5438
1-800-964-3013 (TTY)

Springfield
1-800-243-0618
1-800-844-5461 (TTY)

Carbondale
1-800-243-0607
1-877-675-9339 (TTY)